

**Chambers of Chief Judge Edith Hollan Jones**  
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**Edith Hollan Jones**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Cornell 1971 BA; Texas 1974 JD  
Began Service: 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Affiliation:** Member, Chambers of Member Edith Hollan Jones, Judicial Conference of the United States

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Andrews Kurth LLP (1974-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Fifth Circuit Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Chambers of Circuit Judge Carolyn Dineen King**  
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**Carolyn Dineen King**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Smith 1959 AB; Yale 1962 LLB  
Began Service: July 13, 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Independent



**Affiliation:** Councilor, Council, The American Law Institute

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1999-2006); Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (1999-2006); Member, Executive Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States (2000-2005); Chairman, Executive Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States (2002-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1962-1972); Partner, Childs, Fortenbach, Beck & Guyton (1972-1978); Partner, Sullivan, Bailey, King, Randall & Sabom (1978-1979)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**E. Grady Jolly**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1937  
Education: Mississippi 1959 BA, 1962 LLB  
Began Service: August 2, 1982  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Trial Attorney, National Labor Relations Board (1962-1964); Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Mississippi, United States Department of Justice (1964-1967); Trial Attorney, Tax Division, United States Department of Justice (1967-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Jolly, Miller & Milam (1969-1982)

#### Staff

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**Chambers of Circuit Judge W. Eugene Davis**  
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**W. Eugene Davis**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Tulane 1960 JD  
Began Service: 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1976-1983)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Phelps, Dunbar, Marks, Clavier & Sims (1960-1964); Associate then Partner, Caffery, Duhe & Davis (1964-1976)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States

#### Staff

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Education: LSU 1971 BS  
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**Jerry E. Smith**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: January 7, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1972-1973)

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Jerry E. Smith continued**

**Government:** Board Member, Harris County Housing Authority, Community and Economic Development Department, County of Harris, Texas (1978-1980); Chairman, Civil Service Commission, City of Houston, Texas (1982-1984); City Attorney, Legal Department, City of Houston, Texas (1984-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1973-1984)

**Current Memberships:** Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Began Service: 2008  
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Began Service: 2008  
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Education: Trinity U 1971 BA

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.**

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**Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Tulane 1956 BA, 1961 JD  
Began Service: May 25, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wiener, Weiss & Madison (1961-1990)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1956-1958)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; The American Law Institute; The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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Began Service: 2008  
Term Expires: September 2009  
Education: Tulane 2008 JD  
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Term Expires: August 2009  
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**Rhessa H. Barksdale**  
Circuit Judge

Note: U.S. District Judge Rhessa H. Barksdale will be taking Senior Status on August 8, 2009.

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: West Point 1966 BS; Mississippi 1972 JD  
Began Service: April 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Assistant Professor of Military Science, The University of Akron (1969-1970); Instructor, School of Law, The University of Mississippi (1975-1976); Instructor, School of Law, Mississippi College (1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Byron R. White, Supreme Court of the United States (1972-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC (1973-1990)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1966-1970)

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**Chambers of Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza**  
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**Emilio M. Garza**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Notre Dame 1969 BA, 1970 MA; Texas 1976 JD  
Began Service: June 7, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 225th Judicial District (1987-1988); Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1988-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Clemens, Spencer, Welmaker & Finck (1976-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1970-1973); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Chambers of Circuit Judge Fortunato P. Benavides**  
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**Fortunato P. Benavides**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Houston 1968 BBA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Commissioner, Juvenile Probation Commission, State of Texas (1983-1989)

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